Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An element organization support apparatus for selecting, for a project including plural tasks, executive elements for individual tasks and supporting organization of the plural executive elements, the apparatus comprising:

a control unit that:

classifies executive elements that indicate activities to carry out a task into processible tasks and manages the classified executive elements; ~~and~~

selects a candidate executive element that can process a task of a project that includes plural tasks, the selecting being based on the ~~classification.~~classification;

searches operation names representing processible tasks in a thesaurus database and checks whether any of the operation names in the thesaurus database matches a request for searching the classified executive element by operation name; and

when a match is found, recursively executes another search using the operation name found in the thesaurus database.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The element organization support apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising a memory for storing at least element information that identifies a task processible by each executive element, and the control unit selects, on the basis of the element information, the candidate executive element for processing each task required in the project.

4. (Previously Presented) The element organization support apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein the element information further includes data regarding processing time, and the control unit, when there are plural candidate executive elements for a given task,

rearranges the plural candidate executive elements according to the processing time and presents the candidate executive elements.

5.   (Canceled)

6.   (Currently Amended) An element organization support apparatus for selecting, for use in the accomplishment of a job asked by a customer, an executive element that indicates an activity to carry out a task involved in the job, and supporting the organization of the plural executive elements to accomplish the job, comprising:

a control unit that:

classifies executive elements into processible tasks and manages the classified executive elements; ~~and~~

selects a candidate executive element that can process the task of the job, the selecting being based on the ~~classification.~~ classification;

searches operation names representing processible tasks in a thesaurus database and checks whether any of the operation names in the thesaurus database matches a request for searching the classified executive element by operation name; and

when a match is found, recursively executes another search using the operation name found in the thesaurus database.

7.   (Currently Amended) A device implemented service providing method, comprising:

classifying plural executive elements that indicate activities to carry out a task constituting various services into processible tasks in advance and managing the classified executive elements, each of the executive elements including at least one of human and physical elements;

receiving a request for organizing, for the accomplishment of a specific service asked by a customer;

analyzing, by a processor, as instructed by the customer, a task required for the specific service; ~~and~~

selecting by a processor from the executive elements classified and managed, on the basis of the result of the analysis, a candidate executive element for executing the task required for the specific service, the selecting being based on the ~~classification.~~ classification;

_____ searching by a processor operation names representing processible tasks in a thesaurus database and checking whether any of the operation names in the thesaurus database matches a request for searching the classified executive element by operation name and when a match is found; and

recursively executing another search using the operation name found in the thesaurus database.

8.   (Previously Presented) The device implemented service providing method according to Claim 7, further comprising:

allowing the customer to evaluate the result of the organization of the executive elements; and

receiving, as the organizer of the executive elements, the evaluation and holding the evaluation in association with information concerning the organization of the executive elements provided to the customer.

9.   (Currently Amended) An element organization support method executable by a processor for selecting, for a project including plural tasks, executive elements that indicate activities to carry out a task and supporting organization of the plural executive elements, the method comprising:

classifying by the processor the executive elements into processible tasks in advance and managing the classified executive elements; ~~and~~

searching by the processor the executive elements classified and managed for a candidate executive element to execute a task of a project that includes plural tasks and selecting the candidate executive element from the executive elements classified and managed that can process the task, the selecting being based on the ~~classification.~~ classification;

searching by the processor operation names representing processible tasks in a thesaurus database and checking whether any of the operation names in the thesaurus database matches a request for searching the classified executive element by operation name and when a match is found; and

recursively executing another search using the operation name found in the thesaurus database.

10.   (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing thereon a program executable by a processor for selecting, for a project including plural tasks, executive elements that indicate activities to carry out a task and thereby supporting organization of the plural executive elements, the program comprising:

a first module for classifying the executive elements into processible tasks in advance and managing the classified executive elements; ~~and~~

a second module for searching the executive elements classified and managed for a candidate executive element that can process a task of a project that includes plural tasks and selecting the candidate executive element from the executive elements classified and managed, the selecting being based on the ~~classification.~~ classification; and

a third module for searching operation names representing processible tasks in a thesaurus database and checks whether any of the operation names in the thesaurus database matches a request for searching the classified executive element by operation name and when

a match is found, and recursively executing another search using the operation name found in the thesaurus database.

11.   (Previously Presented) The storage medium according to Claim 10, wherein the first module calls a program performing the classification and management of the executive elements, and the second module calls a program searching for and selecting the executive element.

12.   (Canceled)

13.   (Currently Amended) An element organization support system, comprising:

a database server for classifying data pieces regarding plural executive elements that indicate activities to carry out a task constituting various services into processible tasks, and managing the executive elements, the data pieces regarding executive elements including at least one of human and physical elements;

a reception server for receiving a request for preparation of organization of executive elements for processing a specific service asked by a customer; ~~and~~

an analysis server for analyzing a task required for the specific service as instructed by the customer, and selecting from the database server, on the basis of the result of the analysis, a data piece regarding a candidate executive element for executing the task required for the specific service, the selecting being based on the ~~classification.~~ classification; and

a thesaurus database server that:

stores data pieces constituting concepts of operation names representing processible tasks;

searches the operation names in a thesaurus database and checks whether any of the operation names in the thesaurus database matches a request for searching the classified executive element by operation name and when a match is found; and

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<u>recursively executes another search using the operation name found in the</u>

<u>thesaurus database.</u>

14.   (Previously Presented) The element organization support apparatus according to claim 1, wherein each one of the classified executive elements identifies an activity which is stored as an identifier in a database.

15.   (Currently Amended) The element organization support apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the candidate executive element is selected based on at least one of ~~an~~ <u>the</u> operation name and an operation subject name of the classification.

16.   (Previously Presented) The element organization support apparatus according to claim 1, wherein each one of the processible tasks is represented by a name of operation.

17-18. (Canceled)